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1                   **THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2                   **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET**

3                   **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009, 9:30 A.M.**

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7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO CALL OUR 2009 BUDGET  
8 HEARINGS TO ORDER. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE. WE HAVE A  
9 NUMBER OF SPEAKERS TODAY. AND FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO CALL  
10 ON MR. FUJIOKA TO GIVE US SOME OPENING COMMENTS. AND THEN WE  
11 WILL CALL ON OUR SPEAKERS, OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND OUR  
12 SHERIFF.

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14   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER  
15 THE BUDGET, BECAUSE WE MADE THAT PRESENTATION SEVERAL WEEKS  
16 AGO. BUT I DO WANT TO STATE A COUPLE OF FACTS THAT HAVE  
17 DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. WE KNOW THAT THE STATE  
18 CONTINUES TO HAVE SERIOUS, YOU CAN CALL THEM CHALLENGES OR YOU  
19 CAN CALL THEM FLAT-OUT PROBLEMS RIGHT NOW. IN AN EARLIER  
20 PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGET, I HAD MENTIONED THAT THE STATE HAD  
21 IDENTIFIED A REVENUE SHORTFALL BETWEEN 6 AND \$8 BILLION AS A  
22 CONSEQUENCE OF DECLINING REVENUES. THAT FIGURE HAS GONE UP  
23 SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE POINT NOW THEY'RE SAYING THAT IT COULD BE  
24 AS HIGH AS \$23 BILLION. WE ALSO KNOW THAT IF THE MEASURES THAT  
25 ARE ON THE BALLOT NEXT WEEK ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, THAT WILL



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1 FURTHER EXACERBATE THE PROBLEMS AT THE STATE LEVEL. I MENTION  
2 THAT BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE BUDGET THAT WE  
3 HAVE BEFORE US, ALBEIT OUR PROPOSED BUDGET AT THIS POINT, IS A  
4 BUDGET THAT WILL HAVE TO HAVE FURTHER CHANGES AS A CONSEQUENCE  
5 OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE STATE. I MENTIONED THIS EARLIER TO  
6 SOME DEGREE BUT NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT IT IS TODAY BECAUSE OF  
7 THE RECENT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE-- AT LEAST THROUGH THE  
8 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR DECLINING REVENUE. AS  
9 A CONSEQUENCE, DURING FINAL CHANGES, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,  
10 DURING THE SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESS LATER IN THE EARLY YEAR, EARLY  
11 FALL, WE WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD TO RECOMMEND  
12 ADDITIONAL CHANGES, AND THE CHANGES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF  
13 CURTAILMENTS THAT WILL IMPACT OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES  
14 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT IN  
15 OUR PROPOSED BUDGET, THERE'S A LITTLE UNDER \$450 MILLION IN--  
16 EITHER THROUGH THE STIMULUS PROGRAM OR THROUGH SOME ONE-TIME  
17 MONEY TO HELP US BRIDGE OVER THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. I  
18 MENTION THAT BECAUSE THE STIMULUS DOLLARS ARE TIME-LIMITED.  
19 THEY WILL BE WITH US FOR ABOUT AN 18-MONTH PERIOD. AS A  
20 CONSEQUENCE, DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, ACTUALLY NEXT  
21 YEAR, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE ALL THE STEPS NECESSARY TO  
22 IDENTIFY HOW WE CAN FURTHER ADDRESS OUR STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS,  
23 OUR STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE BUDGET. WE HAVE STARTED THAT  
24 ALREADY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THAT I DISCUSSED THE  
25 LAST TIME WHEN WE PRESENT A PROPOSED BUDGET THAT ARE





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1 ADDRESSING THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT, INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION  
2 OF A LARGE NUMBER OF VACANT BUDGETED POSITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS  
3 IN OUR PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM AND A NUMBER OF OTHER, I'LL CALL  
4 THEM, EFFICIENCIES THAT WILL HELP US AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND  
5 DEAL WITH THIS, OUR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. ALSO ON MAY 5TH, I  
6 SENT A MEMO OUT TO ALL DEPARTMENTS ASKING EACH DEPARTMENT TO  
7 START AN EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE AND GO AS FAR AS IDENTIFYING A  
8 LEAD PERSON WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TASK. BUT THE  
9 MEMO, BECAUSE I NOTICE THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 FROM OUR LABOR UNIONS HERE TODAY, THE MEMO ALSO SPEAKS THAT--  
11 STATES THAT THIS EFFORT SHOULD SOLICIT IDEAS FROM ALL LEVELS  
12 OF ORGANIZATION. WE RECOGNIZE, AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I  
13 STRONGLY BELIEVE IN, THAT EVERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE HAS A UNIQUE  
14 PERSPECTIVE THAT CAN TRANSLATE OR AT LEAST MORE THAN JUST  
15 TRANSLATE, BUT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON IDENTIFYING OPERATIONAL  
16 EFFICIENCIES, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, INITIATING AND IMPLEMENTING  
17 THOSE ONCE APPROVED. AND SO I'VE ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS TO  
18 INCLUDE STAFF FROM ALL LEVELS OF ORGANIZATION IN THIS EFFORT,  
19 BECAUSE GIVEN OUR SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES, THE ONLY WAY WE'RE  
20 GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS IS BY DOING IT IN COLLABORATION WITH  
21 OUR ENTIRE WORKFORCE. AND SO WITH THAT, I THINK WE'RE READY TO  
22 START THE BUDGET HEARINGS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA. BEFORE I CALL  
25 OUR FIRST SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD I THINK, LEFT TO OUR



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1 OWN WHEREWITHAL HERE IN THE COUNTY, THAT WE COULD WEATHER THIS  
2 STORM PRETTY WELL. I WOULD SAY THAT IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR  
3 DEPARTMENTS, TO OUR PARTNERS, THE LABOR UNIONS, EVERYONE ELSE  
4 WORKING TOGETHER OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE PUT MONEY  
5 ASIDE FOR A RAINY DAY, I GUESS WE JUST DIDN'T EXPECT THE  
6 MASSIVE FLOODS WE ARE EXPERIENCING AND UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE  
7 GOING TO HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL ISSUES TO DEAL WITH,  
8 BUT WE'RE IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE, I THINK, TO DEAL WITH THEM  
9 THAN OTHERS. BUT THESE POTENTIAL SECOND AND THIRD-ROUND CUTS  
10 BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COULD BE VERY HURTFUL TO OUR COUNTY  
11 AND TO THE CITIZENS WE SERVE. SO I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY IN  
12 THE BEGINNING JUST A THANK YOU TO YOU, MR. FUJIOKA, TO OUR  
13 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OUR FRIENDS IN LABOR AND ALL OUR COUNTY  
14 EMPLOYEES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, NOT TO GET CARRIED  
15 AWAY, THAT WE TRY TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND UNFORTUNATELY WE  
16 HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THERE ARE THINGS OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTROL  
17 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
18 TO DO IT TOGETHER.

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COULD I ONE LAST?

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, NO.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** PLEASE. THE LAST THING, AND I DIDN'T DO IT  
25 WHEN I PRESENTED THE PROPOSED BUDGET BUT IT'S IMPORTANT. I



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1 NEED TO RECOGNIZE DEBBIE LAZZARI AND HER STAFF. SOME OF YOU  
2 KNOW THAT THIS WILL PROBABLY BE HER LAST PROPOSED BUDGET. BUT  
3 OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS BEEN OUR PRINCIPAL BUDGET CHIEF FOR  
4 NOT ONLY OUR OFFICE BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
5 AND WHAT SHE'S DONE ON THIS BUDGET IS TYPICAL OF WHAT SHE'S  
6 DONE ON THE BUDGETS ALL THESE MANY YEARS, AND IT IS IMPORTANT  
7 THAT RECOGNITION IS GIVEN TO THESE EFFORTS. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I AM GOING TO CALL ON  
10 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE HONORABLE STEVE COOLEY.

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12 **STEVE COOLEY:** GOOD MORNING.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SIR. WELCOME.

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16 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU. TO MY RIGHT IS CHER MATSUMOTO, THE  
17 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION FOR  
18 THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. SHE'S HELD THAT  
19 POSITION SINCE I WAS ELECTED IN 2000 AND REAPPOINTED HER TO  
20 THAT POSITION. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FIRST FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
21 TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD ON BUDGET ISSUES CONCERNING THE DISTRICT  
22 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. LET ME BEGIN BY BEING CLEAR ABOUT MY  
23 PURPOSE IN BEING HERE TODAY. I AM NOT ASKING FOR ANY NEW  
24 POSITIONS. I AM, HOWEVER, REQUESTING YOUR BOARD RESTORE THE  
25 POSITIONS THAT WERE CUT BOTH THIS FISCAL YEAR AND NEXT FISCAL





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1 YEAR. IN FISCAL '08/'09, MY OFFICE LOST 17 DEPUTY D.A.  
2 POSITIONS. IN '09/'10, WE ARE SLATED TO LOSE AN ADDITIONAL 14  
3 ATTORNEY POSITIONS. ON TOP OF THIS, WE MUST CUT 7 HIGH LEVEL  
4 MANAGEMENT AND SPECIALIZED POSITIONS, 22 POSITIONS FROM OUR  
5 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. 10 PARALEGALS, 7 HEARING OFFICERS;  
6 AND OUR ENTIRE CONTINGENT OF LAW CLERKS AND STUDENT WORKERS.  
7 I'D LIKE TO MAKE A RECORD AS TO WHY ALL SHOULD BE RESTORED  
8 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 7 HIGH-LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITIONS  
9 THAT I REFERENCED. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MUST STAFF  
10 HUNDREDS OF CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE COURTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
11 OF LOS ANGELES. ANNUALLY WE FILE MORE THAN 60,000 FELONY CASES  
12 AND HANDLE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MISDEMEANORS. WE ALSO  
13 PROCESS 25,000 JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE JUVENILE COURTS.  
14 LOSING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS THAT I LISTED EARLIER WOULD  
15 PLACE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL PRESSURES ON THE REMAINING STAFF  
16 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE OFFICE. THE LOSS OF 31 ATTORNEYS WILL  
17 NEGATIVELY IMPACT FELONY, MISDEMEANOR AND JUVENILE  
18 PROSECUTIONS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY OFFICE. ATTORNEYS WILL,  
19 PREDICTABLY, BE HANDLING LARGER CASELOADS. INDIVIDUAL CASE  
20 LIVES WILL BE EXTENDED. DEFENDANTS WILL REMAIN ON THE STREETS  
21 LONGER PENDING TRIAL WITH THE INHERENT RISK OF COMMITTING  
22 OTHER CRIMES. PROSECUTING VIOLENT FELONIES AND PROPERTY CRIMES  
23 COMMITTED BY BOTH ADULTS AND JUVENILES IS THE CORE MISSION OF  
24 THE D.A.'S OFFICE. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL THAT MISSION  
25 WITHOUT ATTORNEYS TO COVER THE CASELOADS IN EACH OF THE



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1 COURTHOUSES. MANY AREAS OF CRIME INVESTIGATED BY MY OFFICE ARE  
2 NOT INVESTIGATED BY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS  
3 BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT RESOURCES, THE LACK OF  
4 SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE, OR THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CRIME ITSELF.  
5 PROGRAMS SUCH AS CODE ENFORCEMENT AND WELFARE FRAUD WILL BE  
6 REDUCED WITH THESE PROPOSED CURTAILMENTS. INDEPENDENT PUBLIC  
7 CORRUPTION AND JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH  
8 WE HANDLE AS CASES OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION, WILL BE  
9 NEGATIVELY IMPACTED AS A RESULT OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE 22  
10 INVESTIGATORS. CERTAIN SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATIONS CRITICAL TO  
11 THE INTEGRITY OF VARIOUS PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE  
12 JUSTICE SYSTEM WILL BE REDUCED IF THESE CURTAILMENTS OF D.A.  
13 INVESTIGATORS WERE TO FULLY TAKE PLACE. THE ADULT HEARING  
14 OFFICER PROGRAM WHICH MY OFFICE MAINTAINS AND THE AWARD-  
15 WINNING JUVENILE OFFENDER INTERVENTION NETWORK, J.O.I.N., ARE  
16 DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT TARGET ADULTS AND JUVENILES  
17 RESPECTIVELY WHO HAVE COMMITTED CERTAIN NONVIOLENT OFFENSES.  
18 THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAS VERY SUCCESSFULLY, AS YOU WELL KNOW  
19 BECAUSE YOU ACKNOWLEDGED THE AWARDS WE RECEIVED IN THIS AREA,  
20 WE'VE VERY SUCCESSFULLY AND EFFICIENTLY USED HEARING OFFICERS  
21 TO DIVERT THESE CASES FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH  
22 ARBITRATION AND INTERVENTION. ELIMINATION OF THE 7 HEARING  
23 OFFICERS WILL CREATE A SUBSTANTIAL AND VERY UNNECESSARY  
24 INCREASE TO ALL OF THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND  
25 THE COURTS. SO OTHER ENTITIES WILL SUFFER TO THE EXTENT THESE



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1 POSITIONS ARE CUT FROM MY BUDGET. I AM ALSO REQUESTING THAT  
2 THE BOARD RESTORE 10 PARALEGAL AND 56 PART TIME LAW CLERK AND  
3 STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER POSITIONS. THESE LEGAL SUPPORT  
4 POSITIONS ASSIST PROSECUTORS IN CASE PREPARATION, INCLUDING  
5 LEGAL AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RESEARCH, DEVELOPING PLEADINGS,  
6 ORGANIZING DISCOVERY, AND THE PREPARATION OF BRIEFS AND  
7 MOTIONS. ATTORNEYS WILL NOW HAVE TO ASSUME THESE DUTIES, AND  
8 OBVIOUSLY ATTORNEYS ARE MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN LAW CLERKS  
9 AND STUDENT WORKERS, BUT ATTORNEYS WILL HAVE TO ASSUME THESE  
10 DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES. AND THIS RESULTS IN A VERY, VERY  
11 INEFFICIENT USE OF ATTORNEY RESOURCES. THE LOSS OF THE LAW  
12 CLERKS IN PARTICULAR REPRESENTS THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF  
13 THIS POSITION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND LAW  
14 CLERK POSITIONS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR DECADES AND DECADES AND  
15 DECADES AND SERVE AS SORT OF AN ENTRY LEVEL FOR WHAT  
16 ULTIMATELY HAVE DEVELOPED INTO SOME OF THE FINEST PROSECUTORS  
17 IN THE HISTORY OF THIS OFFICE. SO LOSING THEM IS QUITE  
18 UNFORTUNATE.

19  
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND, STEVE. ON THE CLERKS, HOW  
21 MANY WERE ELIMINATED? YOU SAID ALL OF THEM?

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23 **STEVE COOLEY:** ALL OF THEM. 56 PART-TIME LAW CLERK POSITIONS  
24 AND-- STUDENT WORKERS 26, AND 30 LAW CLERKS. SO 56 PART-TIME  
25 POSITIONS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE LAW CLERKS, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
3 IN LAW SCHOOL?

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5 **STEVE COOLEY:** YES. LAW CLERKS ARE LAW STUDENTS. THEY EITHER  
6 COMPLETED THEIR SECOND YEAR OR THEIR THIRD YEAR, BUT THEY ARE  
7 LAW STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT AS YET PASSED THE BAR.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW MUCH DO THOSE CUTS SAVE, DOLLAR  
10 TERMS? DO YOU KNOW THE FIGURE?

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12 **STEVE COOLEY:** \$2.3 MILLION TOTAL FOR ALL 56 POSITIONS.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DID THAT BREAK OUT BETWEEN THE CLERKS  
15 AND THE PART-TIME STUDENT WORKERS?

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17 **STEVE COOLEY:** LAW CLERKS, \$1.6 MILLION FOR THE LAW CLERK  
18 POSITIONS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS THE BALANCE?

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22 **STEVE COOLEY:** AND THE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKERS IS  
23 \$686,000.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.



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2 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU. AT ANY RATE, THINGS ARE GOING TO

3 CHANGE SLIGHTLY IN TERMS OF THE CRIME PICTURE IN LOS ANGELES

4 COUNTY BASED UPON WHERE WE ARE IN HISTORY. OBVIOUSLY LAW

5 ENFORCEMENT IS CONTINUING TO STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS WITH

6 RESPECT TO GANGS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE WITH THEM

7 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN THAT IMPORTANT ARENA. BUT LAW

8 ENFORCEMENT'S ALSO FACED WITH AN INCREASE IN VARIOUS OTHER

9 FORMS OF CRIME WHICH WE HAVE TO BE AWARE OF. THIS INCLUDES

10 IDENTITY THEFT, NEEDLESS TO SAY REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE FRAUD

11 SCAMS. INTERNET CRIMES ARE ON THE RISE, AND OF COURSE BUR

12 BURGEONING PUBLIC BENEFIT FRAUD IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES. WE

13 WANT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO FULFILL OUR MISSION WITH THE

14 APPROPRIATE ATTORNEY INVESTIGATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

15 RESOURCES. YOUR RESTORATION OF THESE POSITIONS WILL HELP US

16 PERFORM OUR CORE MISSION AND PERFORM IT PROFESSIONALLY AND IN

17 A MANNER THAT IS TIMELY AND ACCURATE, WHICH IS VERY, VERY

18 IMPORTANT TO ANY PROSECUTORIAL OFFICE WORTH ITS SALT. SO THE

19 FACT OF THE MATTER IS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS BOARD HAS A

20 VERY, VERY TOUGH JOB IN TERMS OF DEALING WITH THE BALANCING

21 THE OVERALL BUDGET IN THESE TOUGH TIMES; HOWEVER, WE ALSO

22 THANK THE BOARD, ARE CONFIDENT THE BOARD KNOWS PUBLIC SAFETY

23 HAS TO BE A TOP PRIORITY. THE BOARD HAS SEEN ME IN THIS

24 POSITION AS D.A. FOR EIGHT YEARS NOW. WE'VE ALWAYS LIVED

25 WITHIN OUR BUDGET EVEN DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES. WE





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1 DON'T COME OVER HERE AND ASK FOR ANYTHING THAT WE DON'T  
2 BELIEVE IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. AND WE HOPE THAT THE  
3 CONFIDENCE YOU'VE SHOWN IN US IN THE PAST REMAINS AND THAT  
4 YOU'LL WORK WITH US MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN FULFILL THE CORE  
5 MISSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE FIRST, IN YOUR OPENING PART OF YOUR  
10 REMARKS, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS. WERE  
11 THOSE POSITIONS FILLED OR WERE THOSE VACANT?

12

13 **STEVE COOLEY:** SEVEN HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT POSITIONS?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONES YOU TALKED ABOUT AT THE VERY  
16 BEGINNING. I DON'T THINK THEY WERE MANAGEMENT.

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18 **STEVE COOLEY:** I THINK DID MENTION AT THE FRONT. THE 70 DEPUTY  
19 D.A. POSITIONS. NO, THEY WERE NOT FILLED WHEN WE CUT THEM.  
20 THAT WAS LAST YEAR.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST YEAR MEANING--

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24 **STEVE COOLEY:** '08/'09.

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1     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

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3     **STEVE COOLEY:** AND THE CURRENT 14 POSITIONS FROM '09/'10 ARE  
4     FILLED.

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6     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE FILLED?

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8     **STEVE COOLEY:** YES.

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10    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF THAT CUT GOES THROUGH--

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12    **STEVE COOLEY:** WE'RE DOING IT THROUGH ATTRITION. WE PAID FOR  
13    THEM THROUGH SALARY SAVINGS. AND WE WILL STAY WITHIN OUR  
14    BUDGET EVEN THOUGH WE ADDED-- HIRED THESE INDIVIDUALS, WE'LL  
15    DO IT THROUGH ATTRITION, WHICH IS FIGURED OUT QUITE CAREFULLY.

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17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE CLERKS AND THE STUDENT WORKERS, ARE  
18    THEY ALL FILLED RIGHT NOW? OR WILL THEY BE FILLED THIS SUMMER?

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20    **STEVE COOLEY:** WE SUSPENDED HIRING OF LAW CLERKS MANY, MANY,  
21    MANY MONTHS AGO. AND WE'RE JUST BASICALLY-- THERE'S NO  
22    INTENTION AT THIS PRESENT TIME OF FILLING ANY OF THOSE  
23    POSITIONS IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THE FUNDING.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CUT THEM MANY MONTHS AGO IN THIS CURRENT  
2    FISCAL YEAR?

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4    **STEVE COOLEY:** YES.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS A YEAR-ROUND KIND OF POSITION? OR IS  
7    THIS A SUMMER?

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9    **STEVE COOLEY:** IT PEAKS DURING THE SUMMER. BUT WE DO HIRE YEAR  
10    ROUND. BUT IT PEAKS DURING THE SUMMER, ESPECIALLY WITH THE  
11    SENIOR LAW CLERKS. IT'S SORT OF DICTATED ON A SCHEDULE,  
12    DICTATED BY GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, PARTICULARLY OUR  
13    SENIOR LAW CLERK POSITIONS. THOSE ARE POSITIONS THAT ARE FOR  
14    INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GRADUATED LAW SCHOOL BUT NOT AS YET  
15    RECEIVED THEIR BAR RESULTS. IT'S SORT OF A BRIDGE JOB. SO IT  
16    DOES PEAK DURING THE SUMMER.

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18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S ONLY AFTER THEY'VE GRADUATED LAW  
19    SCHOOL?

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21    **STEVE COOLEY:** YES. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR LAW CLERK  
22    POSITION, YOU MUST HAVE A LAW DEGREE BUT NOT AS YET PASS THE  
23    CALIFORNIA STATE BAR.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE ALL OF THESE 30 POSITIONS YOU TALKED  
2   ABOUT SENIOR LAW CLERK POSITIONS?

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4   **STEVE COOLEY:** NO SOME ARE PART-TIME OR WHAT WE CALL REGULAR  
5   LAW CLERK POSITIONS. THE BREAKDOWN IS 5 REGULAR LAW CLERKS AND  
6   25 SENIOR LAW CLERKS. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE REQUESTING BE  
7   RESTORED.

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

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11   **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU.

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13   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE?

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE ISSUE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT,  
16   OUR STAFF WAS ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CUTS TO THAT  
17   UNIT. SO COULD YOU LOOK INTO THESE PROPOSED CUTS TO ENSURE  
18   THAT THERE AREN'T ANY?

19

20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL REPORT BACK ON THAT.

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WHAT PERCENT,  
23   RELATIVE TO YOUR WELFARE FRAUD UNIT, YOU PROPOSING CUTTING 10  
24   EMPLOYEES, THREE PROSECUTORS AND SEVEN INVESTIGATORS? ARE



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1 THESE ON TOP OF THE CUTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN  
2 SEPTEMBER? AFTER THE BOOK CLOSING?

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4 **STEVE COOLEY:** THESE ARE THE CUTS THAT ARE DICTATED BY THE CUTS  
5 SUGGESTED BY D.P.S.S. THEY SET THEIR BUDGET BASED UPON WHAT'S  
6 AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND THEN THEY IMPOSE CERTAIN CUTS IN  
7 VARIOUS PARTS OF THEIR PROGRAM TO MEET THEIR OWN BUDGETARY  
8 CONSTRAINTS. WE FEEL THAT CUTTING ANY PORTION OF THE INTEGRITY  
9 COMPONENT OF THE MULTIBILLION DOLLAR PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAM  
10 ADMINISTERED BY D.P.S.S. IS SHORT SIGHTED, BECAUSE YOU LOSE  
11 THE DETERRENT VALUE OF THOSE THAT WOULD DEFRAUD THOSE PROGRAMS  
12 ADMINISTERED BY D.P.S.S.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE UNIT WILL BE CUT IF  
15 ALL OF THESE REDUCTIONS GO INTO EFFECT?

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17 **STEVE COOLEY:** I'D SAY ROUGHLY IT'S A THIRD OF THE CURRENT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE IMPACT WOULD BE CRITICAL?

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21 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HIGHER END,  
22 MORE COMPLICATED, MORE SOPHISTICATED SCHEMES THAT DEFRAUD THE  
23 PUBLIC BENEFIT SYSTEMS. AS YOU KNOW, OVER THE YEARS OUR BUREAU  
24 HAS BROKEN UP MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS SCHEMES THAT DEFRAUD THE  
25 PUBLIC BENEFIT SYSTEM.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MEDI-CAL.

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4 **STEVE COOLEY:** IN THE CHILDCARE ARENA. AND CERTAINLY PROGRAMS  
5 ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY WHEN IT COMES TO WELFARE-TO-WORK.  
6 SO WE'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS IN THOSE CASES THAT ONLY A FULL-  
7 TIME PEACE OFFICER, A TRAINED, SKILLED, FRAUD INVESTIGATOR,  
8 COULD ACCOMPLISH USING PEACE OFFICER POWERS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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12 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH:

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** STEVE, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
15 AREAS IN THE BUDGET THAT ARE OF LESSER PRIORITY THAN THESE  
16 ITEMS THAT YOU ARE ASKING TO BE RESTORED THAT IF WE WANTED TO  
17 RESTORE SOME OF THESE ITEMS, THAT YOU'D BE WILLING TO  
18 RECOMMEND TO CUT SOMEWHERE ELSE?

19

20 **STEVE COOLEY:** LESSER PRIORITIES THAN THIS THAT COULD BE CUT.  
21 THE ONLY AREA THAT I THINK THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THAT WOULD  
22 BE OUR COMMITMENT, OUR LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT TO ATTEND VIA  
23 VIDEO CONFERENCING OR IN PERSON THE HEARINGS INVOLVING LIVE  
24 PRISONERS. WE FEEL IT'S ESSENTIAL TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT  
25 SORT OF REPRESENTATION. BUT IF PUSH CAME TO SHOVE AND I HAD TO



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1 ELIMINATE A CORE MISSION OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE, APPEARANCE AT  
2 LIFER HEARINGS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT, WHICH MEANS  
3 PERSONALLY APPEARING AT THE VARIOUS PRISONS OR APPEARING VIA  
4 VIDEO CONFERENCING, THAT WOULD HAVE TO GO. WE'D HAVE TO DO IT  
5 ALL BY E-CORRESPONDENCE. HOWEVER, WE'D BE AT A GREAT  
6 DISADVANTAGE TO THE-- AS OPPOSED TO THE INMATE WHO IS  
7 REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL. IF WE HAD TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE THAT  
8 WAY. AND THESE ARE OUR MOST SERIOUS OFFENDERS. WE'VE GOT WELL  
9 OVER 3,000 LIFE PRISONERS IN THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM WHO HAVE  
10 ANNUAL HEARINGS. IN VIRTUALLY IN MOST CASES WE HAVE TO MAKE  
11 THOSE APPEARANCES TO DOCUMENT WHY THEY'RE NOT SUITABLE FOR  
12 RELEASE IN MOST CASES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR-- WOULD YOUR  
15 FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SUCH HEARINGS INCREASE THE PROBABILITY  
16 THAT SOME OF THEM BY DEFAULT WOULD BE RELEASED?

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18 **STEVE COOLEY:** I HAVE A REPORT PRESENTED TO ME BY DAVE DOLLY,  
19 THE HEAD DEPUTY OF THE LIFER HEARINGS UNIT AND THAT IS HIS  
20 CONCLUSION, THAT WE WOULD NOT BE WELL-SERVED IF WE WOULD NOT  
21 APPEAR. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR CASE AS COMPELLINGLY.  
22 WE ARE A VERY STRONG FORCE IN THOSE HEARINGS AT THE PRESENT  
23 TIME. THE BOARDS WOULD BE NOT AS WELL INFORMED IN TERMS OF  
24 MAKING THE DECISION TO KEEP SOMEONE IN. AND I CAN PROVIDE THAT



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1 REPORT TO THE BOARD AND FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, I THINK HE MAKES  
2 A VERY STRONG CASE FOR RETAINING LIFER HEARING PROGRAM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN LIGHT OF THAT, ON THE STUDENT WORKER  
5 PROGRAM, YOU WOULDN'T REPLACE THE LIFE HEARING PROGRAM, LIFER  
6 HEARING PROGRAM WITH--

7

8 **STEVE COOLEY:** THAT'S ONE OF THOSE HOBSON'S CHOICES YOU DON'T  
9 WANT TO HAVE TO MAKE. THEY BOTH HAVE VALUE. BUT IF I HAD TO  
10 GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT IN TERMS OF PERFORMING OUR CORE MISSION,  
11 MAKING SURE CASES ARE WELL-PREPARED, AND TO THE EXTENT WE CAN  
12 GET THE MOST ACCURATE RESULT FROM OUR PROSECUTIONS, STUDENT  
13 WORKERS DO PLAY A VERY VALUABLE ROLE CONSIDERING WHAT LITTLE  
14 WE PAY THEM.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I UNDERSTAND. LET ME ASK YOU. HOW MUCH  
17 DO YOU SPEND ON THESE HEARINGS IN YOUR BUDGET, ROUGHLY? JUST  
18 AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE. IS IT A COUPLE MILLION? FEW HUNDRED  
19 THOUSAND?

20

21 **STEVE COOLEY:** I THINK IT'S MORE THAN THAT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF  
22 DOZEN PART-TIME, RETIRED DEPUTY D.A.S WHO MAKE APPEARANCES FOR  
23 US. THEN WE HAVE A FULL-TIME STAFF OF ABOUT FIVE LAWYERS AND A  
24 COUPLE OF CLERICAL. AND IT'S THAT TEAM THAT CAUSES US TO MAKE



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1 VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT APPEARANCES ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AT ALL  
2 LIFER HEARINGS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GET ME A MEMO ON HOW MUCH YOU SPEND  
5 ON THAT FUNCTION?

6

7 **STEVE COOLEY:** YES. WE'LL GET IT TO YOU TODAY. ALL RIGHT, THANK  
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SHERIFF BACA?

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12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANT TO SAY TO YOU  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO HAVE A FEW BRIEF  
14 COMMENTS WITH YOU ON THE BUDGET MATTERS IN THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO SAY THAT THROUGHOUT THE PAST SEVERAL  
16 YEARS, AND EVEN BEYOND, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THIS OFFICE, 1998  
17 IS WHEN I WAS SWORN IN, I HAVE WITNESSED AND PARTICIPATED WITH  
18 EVERY BUDGET THAT THIS COUNTY HAS HAD TO FACE FOR THE PAST 11  
19 YEARS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO AIR THE  
20 ISSUES AND GET TO THE POINTS AND BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE OF  
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THAT THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE I THINK  
22 HAS BEEN REMARKABLY BEEN POSITIVE IN THE SENSE THAT WE'VE  
23 BALANCED THE COUNTY TAXPAYER DOLLARS AGAINST THE CHALLENGES  
24 THAT WE HAVE. AND NO MATTER HOW WE LOOK AT IT, THIS COUNTY,  
25 THE LARGEST IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS ALWAYS MANAGED TO



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1 FISCALLY DO THE RIGHT THING. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, LET ME SAY  
2 THIS: WE HAVE PARTICIPATED WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, C.E.O.'S  
3 OFFICE EXTENSIVELY IN HOW WE PREPARED THIS CURRENT BUDGET. AND  
4 WE HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ACCEPT OUR DEGREE OF  
5 RESPONSIBILITY FOR REDUCING THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET BY A TOTAL OF  
6 ABOUT \$33 MILLION, OF WHICH IS PART OF THE RESPONSIBLE,  
7 PRUDENT POLICY THAT THIS BOARD HAS SET FORTH. THE FOUR ITEMS  
8 THAT I WILL PRESENT TO YOU THAT ARE OF SOME EMERGING AND  
9 CONTINUING CONCERN ARE AS FOLLOWS: THERE'S A D.N.A. BACKLOG  
10 REDUCTION PROBLEM THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF, BUT THERE'S AN ONGOING  
11 REALITY THAT MORE D.N.A. EXAMINATION IS GOING TO OCCUR. THE  
12 STATE LAWS HAVE CHANGED. THE VOTERS HAVE SAID THEY WANT  
13 EVERYONE WHO IS BOOKED INTO A COUNTY JAIL TO BE SWABBED. THAT  
14 EXAMINATION PROCESS ULTIMATELY WILL TRICKLE UP TO THE ATTORNEY  
15 GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL HAVE THAT  
16 RESPONSIBILITY TO TEST OUT THOSE CASES. BUT AT THE SAME TIME,  
17 I'M LOOKING AT STILL THIS NEED TO ADDRESS THE BACKLOG. SO THE  
18 FIRST ITEM ON THE BOOKLET THAT I'VE PROVIDED YOU DESCRIBES  
19 WHAT THE PRESENT DAY COST SHOULD REQUIRE FOR US TO FINISH THIS  
20 BACKLOG DILEMMA. AND IT'S LISTED HERE AS \$8,263,000. THE  
21 SECOND ONE IS THE JAIL WARD SECURITY SYSTEM. UNFORTUNATELY,  
22 THE ARCHITECTS OF OUR NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY  
23 DESIGN A BUILDING THAT WAS COST-EFFECTIVE IN THE AREA WE'RE  
24 IN. THE INMATES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO BE TREATED BY THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DESIGN THERE IS SUCH THAT





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1 IT IS LABOR-INTENSIVE FROM A SECURITY POINT OF VIEW, AND IT  
2 MEANS ALSO THAT INMATES, IF THEY HAVE CRITICAL CARE NEED, MUST  
3 BE TAKEN OUT OF THAT WARD AND PUT INTO THE GENERAL POPULATION  
4 OF THE HOSPITAL. AND THAT REQUIRES A SECURITY PERSON TO BE  
5 THERE SO THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT CREATE ANY UNDUE  
6 PROBLEM FOR THE REST OF THE PATIENTS. SO THAT ISSUE STILL  
7 REQUIRES ANOTHER 41 SWORN STAFF POSITIONS IN THAT REGARD. AND  
8 IT'S LISTED HERE AS MY SECOND ITEM. THE THIRD IS EXPENSES OF  
9 INVESTIGATE SPECIAL SERVICES FOR SPECIAL VICTIMS' BUREAU. WE  
10 HAVE COLLECTIVELY, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, SUBMITTED FOR C.O.P.S  
11 FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. ABSENT THAT FUNDING, THERE IS  
12 NO BACKUP PLAN. SO I'M PUTTING IT IN THIS PARTICULAR CATEGORY  
13 FOR YOU TO CONSIDER. OUR COMMERCIAL CRIMES BUREAU IS IN THE  
14 SAME INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORY, THIS IS A THIRD ITEM. WE HAVE HAD  
15 AN INCREASE IN CASELOAD REGARDING WHITE COLLAR CRIME AND  
16 TECHNOLOGY-BASED CRIMES. WE HAVE A ROBUST RESPONSIBILITY IN  
17 THIS REGARD. IT'S QUITE EVIDENT IN VARIOUS NEWS STORIES  
18 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, THERE'S TWITTER, MYSPACE AND ALL  
19 THE OTHER ASPECTS THAT PEOPLE COMMUNICATE WITH, THERE ARE A  
20 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF CRIMINALS WHO ENGAGE THE TECHNOLOGY FOR  
21 THEIR OWN CRIMINAL PURPOSES. THE LAST ONE IS OUR HOMICIDE  
22 BUREAU. I'M LOOKING FOR 12 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. AGAIN, IT'S A  
23 MATTER OF DEALING WITH THE CONSTANT VOLUME OF CASES THAT WE  
24 HAVE. WE HAVE LOOKED AT OUR COLD CASE BACKLOG, AND WE TALK  
25 ABOUT THE D.N.A. BACKLOG. WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT UNSOLVED



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1 HOMICIDES BACKLOG, AS WELL. AND THEY DO, TO A LARGE EXTENT, GO  
2 HAND-IN-HAND. SO I'M LOOKING FOR 12 ADDITIONAL HOMICIDE  
3 INVESTIGATORS. AS A MATTER OF RECOURSE, THE PARTICIPATION OF  
4 THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET RELATIVE TO THE MANAGING OF SCARCE  
5 DOLLARS, I'M JUST LISTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND KNOWLEDGE  
6 THE FACT THAT EVERY YEAR WE HAVE \$130 MILLION OF UNFUNDED  
7 PASS-THROUGH COSTS THAT WE'VE HAD TO ABSORB. AND THAT'S FOR  
8 POST BONUSES; IN OTHER WORDS, DURING THE POST PROCESS OF THE  
9 PAST FEW YEARS, POST HAS CERTIFIED CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE  
10 DEEMABLE AS SHOWING HIGHER PROFESSIONAL ATTAINMENT BY MEMBERS  
11 OF THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE CONTRACTS THAT THE COUNTY AND  
12 THE UNIONS, PARTICULARLY A.L.A.D.S. AND P.O.P.A. HAVE ENGAGED  
13 IN. SOME PARTICULAR PAY INCENTIVES HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOR THESE  
14 POST CERTIFICATES. THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY TOTALS \$48 MILLION. IT  
15 HAS NOT BEEN FUNDED SINCE THOSE BONUSES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO THE  
16 PAY PACKAGE. AND SO WE ABSORB THEM. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HOLD  
17 BACK 300 POSITIONS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE REALITIES OF  
18 OVERTIME THAT'S ON A STANDARD BASIS. AND WE'VE HAD PRIOR  
19 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT. THE UNFUNDED LEAVES OF ABSENCES, THE  
20 MILITARY LEAVE AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE PART OF THE  
21 FEDERAL BENEFIT PACKAGE THAT WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH, THAT'S  
22 A \$27 MILLION ABSORPTION. AND THEN THERE'S THE CONSTANT  
23 REALITY THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT JUST INCREASE  
24 BECAUSE OF UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND ALL THAT'S JUST  
25 LISTED THERE JUST FOR YOUR BENEFIT, NOT FOR ME TO SAY WE CAN'T



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1 SURVIVE, WE CAN'T DEAL WITH IT AT THIS MOMENT. THE POINT OF  
2 THE MATTER IS THAT WE, IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UNDERSTAND  
3 AS ONE OF THE NUMEROUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THAT WE HAVE TO DO  
4 OUR BEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DIRE PROBLEM THAT THE STATE OF  
5 CALIFORNIA HAS AND PREPARE OURSELVES TO EVEN MANAGE THE  
6 CURRENT DOLLARS EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO CRISIS. SO THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME. THESE ARE THE POINTS THAT I'M  
8 MAKING TODAY.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHERIFF, JUST ONE QUESTION TO BEGIN  
11 WITH. OF YOUR REQUEST THAT YOU'RE PUTTING BEFORE US HERE, ARE  
12 ALL THESE NEW POSITIONS OR EXISTING POSITIONS? ARE THESE  
13 ADDITIONAL ON TOP OF?

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15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THESE ARE ALL ADDITIONAL POSITIONS THAT THE  
16 DEPARTMENT COULD USE. I PUT THEM BEFORE YOU AS A MENU OF  
17 THINGS THAT I THINK THE DEPARTMENT CAN CURRENTLY LOOK IN TERMS  
18 OF HAVING MORE SUPPORT FOR. I MEAN, WE ARE DOING THESE  
19 FUNCTIONS; BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE GROWTH OF THE NEED OF  
20 THESE FUNCTIONS ARE WHY I'M PRESENTING THESE TO YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND ARE THESE YOUR PRIORITIES?

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24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? MIKE?

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, DURING THE SEPTEMBER BOOK  
4    CLOSING LEAD, THE BOARD HAD APPROVAL LOCATING \$1.4 MILLION OF  
5    ONE-TIME MONEY FOR YOUR SPECIAL VICTIMS' BUREAU TO REDUCE THE  
6    BACKLOG ON CHILD ABUSE CASES. IS THERE ANY OBSTACLE PREVENTING  
7    YOUR STAFF FROM BEGINNING THE WORK ONCE YOU RECEIVE THAT  
8    MONEY?

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10   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO. WE'RE READY TO USE THAT MONEY AS SOON AS  
11   IT IS RELEASED WE'LL PUT IT TO THAT USE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, I UNDERSTAND THE MONEY HASN'T  
14   BEEN RELEASED. SO WHY IS THAT? AND WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME FOR  
15   THE RELEASE OF THOSE FUNDS?

16

17   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME, BECAUSE OF WE'RE IN THE  
18   MIDDLE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET PROCESS DELIBERATIONS, IT'S GOING  
19   TO BE PART OF THE FINAL DISCUSSION WE HAVE COME JUNE 22ND WHEN  
20   WE FINALIZE THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. RIGHT NOW IT CURRENTLY  
21   RESIDES OR SITS IN OUR RESERVE FOR ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ARE WE LOOKING AT END OF JUNE?

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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WILL BE PART OF THE FINAL BUDGET  
2   DELIBERATIONS THAT WE HAVE TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE WOULD HAVE TO RE-APPROPRIATE THE \$1.4  
5   MILLION OR IT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED?

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7   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT HASN'T BEEN APPROPRIATED YET. IT'S SITTING  
8   ESSENTIALLY IN A P.F.U.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT WOULD BE IN JUNE OR JULY WHEN WE  
11   ADOPT THAT FINAL BUDGET?

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13   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LATE JUNE WHEN WE ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR  
16   ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ITS OVERTIME BUDGET, YOU'VE BEEN  
17   LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE FOR A WHILE. WHAT ARE YOUR PRELIMINARY  
18   CONCLUSIONS ON THAT?

19

20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE  
21   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE OVERTIME ISSUE. IN MY PERSONAL  
22   OPINION, IT'S NOT AS MUCH A CONSEQUENCE OF ADDITIONAL DOLLARS  
23   THAT ARE NEEDED BUT HOW WE-- A LOT HAS TO DO WITH THE  
24   DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRIORITIES FOR  
25   THE DEPARTMENT.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, BECAUSE THE SHERIFF IS A 24/7  
3 OPERATION, IT'S BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN  
4 SOME CURRENT REDUCTIONS RELATIVE TO THE UNINCORPORATED  
5 PATROLS, WHICH IS A SERIOUS ISSUE. SO THERE MAY BE NEEDS TO--  
6 SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CHANGE THE OVERTIME FORMULA. BUT AT NO  
7 TIME OUGHT THAT TO IMPACT THE CONTINUED 24/7 PATROLS IN THE  
8 UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN IT COMES TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
11 IT'S STILL OUR INTENT TO COME BACK AND REPORT ON HOW WE INTEND  
12 TO USE OUR PROP. 162 THAT PROVIDES FUNDS SPECIFIC FOR SERVICES  
13 OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. I THINK THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT  
14 WE HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT YEAR AND VERY FINITE RESOURCES. AND  
15 IF WE DO-- WHATEVER WE ADDRESS IN ONE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A  
16 NEGATIVE IMPACT IN ANOTHER AREA. BUT THAT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED  
17 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL BUDGET.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK YOU ONE QUESTION. IF THE  
24 BOARD HAS ALREADY-- TO MR. FUJIOKA; THE \$1.4 MILLION, WHY PUT  
25 IT BACK IN THE LIST OF NEW ISSUES FOR RECONSIDERATION?



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**C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN IT WAS  
MOVED TO THE RESERVE FOR ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES, THAT WAS IN  
FACT A BOARD ACTION. RIGHT? IT WAS. AND SO GIVEN-- THERE ARE A  
LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK AS WE  
GO FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS, THEY'RE GOING TO BE BUDGET  
REDUCTIONS OR CURTAILMENTS OR DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
VERY, VERY DIFFICULT. BUT I THINK IT'S REFLECTIVE OF WHERE  
WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW. AND WHAT I'VE ASKED EVERYONE TO DO IS THAT  
ALTHOUGH WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS AND EVERYTHING  
THEY'RE GOING TO PRESENT HAS ABSOLUTE MERIT, WE NEED TO LOOK  
AT IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE BUDGET  
AND THEN MAKE THAT DECISION COME LATE JUNE. THANK YOU.

14

**SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DIDN'T MEAN TO REINTRODUCE MYSELF, BUT  
THIS IS A RAPE KIT, BY THE WAY. AND THERE ARE EXACTLY 10 STEPS  
FOR EVERY PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT MAY HAVE A TESTABLE SAMPLE ON  
IT. SO IT'S NOT SIMPLE. WHEN I THOUGHT OF A RAPE KIT, THE  
REASON I BROUGHT IT IS BECAUSE I HAD THE MISCONCEPTION MYSELF  
THAT A RAPE KIT WAS PERHAPS A SMEAR WITH A LITTLE VIAL AND A  
LITTLE PACKET AND THAT WAS IT. BUT THE NATURE OF WHEN I WENT  
TO THE LAB TO LOOK AT THIS PHYSICALLY, IT SHOWS YOU THAT THIS  
IS NOT A SIMPLE PROCESS THAT COULD BE DONE IN 15 MINUTES.  
THAT'S PART OF THE REASON FOR THE BACKLOG. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT I'M GOING TO  
2   CALL ON MR. JOHN TANNER. [APPLAUSE.] GOSH, MR. COOLEY AND MR.  
3   BACA DIDN'T GET ANY APPLAUSE, YOU'RE PRETTY SPECIAL, JOHN,  
4   OKAY. [APPLAUSE.] ONCE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL DAY, RIGHT?  
5   COOL. WELCOME.

6

7   **JOHN TANNER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND C.E.O.  
8   MY NAME IS JOHN TANNER, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
9   S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I'M HERE TODAY WITH MORE THAN 100 COUNTY  
10   EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO ENSURE WE  
11   DELIVER THE BEST SERVICES POSSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
12   ANGELES COUNTY. OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, OUR UNION HAS HELPED  
13   TO SECURE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY FOR  
14   LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND S.E.I.U. IS ON THE FRONTLINES  
15   NATIONALLY IN THE EFFORT TO REDUCE HEALTHCARE COSTS AND BRING  
16   QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE TO EVERYONE IN AMERICA. AS YOU  
17   KNOW, WE ARE ABOUT TO ENTER INTO BARGAINING FOR A CONTRACT  
18   COVERING MORE THAN 55,000 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES. TODAY,  
19   COUNTY SERVICES ARE IN GREATER DEMAND THAN EVER BECAUSE OF THE  
20   ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. FOR EXAMPLE, NOW, ONE IN FIVE COUNTY  
21   RESIDENTS IS ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. AND THE NEED FOR PUBLIC  
22   HEALTH SERVICES IS GREATER THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY AS THE  
23   UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL CONTINUES TO RISE AND PEOPLE LOSE THEIR  
24   HEALTH INSURANCE. WE SEE THIS TIME AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
25   UTILIZE THE SKILL, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMITMENT OF COUNTY WORKERS



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1 AND LEADERS TO FIND WAYS TO DELIVER SERVICES AS EFFECTIVELY  
2 AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE WORKING TO ACHIEVE THOSE  
3 GOALS IN OUR CONTRACT BARGAINING AND BY TAPPING INTO THE  
4 CREATIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF COUNTY WORKERS. WE ARE ALL  
5 CHALLENGED BY THIS UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC CHALLENGE: COUNTY  
6 WORKERS, THE PUBLIC, COUNTY LEADERS, COMMUNITY-BASED  
7 ORGANIZATIONS, EVERYONE. BUT WE ARE DETERMINED TO ACT  
8 RESPONSIBLY AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE  
9 IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND TO MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. THIS  
10 MORNING YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM SEVEN UNION MEMBERS FROM A  
11 DIVERSE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE  
12 KNOWLEDGE AND INSIGHT WE HAVE INTO OUR COUNTY SYSTEM IS  
13 INVALUABLE. OUR IDEAS AND INPUT ARE KEY TO ENSURING THAT  
14 COUNTY RESIDENTS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS, GET THE SERVICES THEY  
15 WANT AND NEED. MARLENE ALLEN WILL SHARE HER PERSPECTIVE ON THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH IS POISED TO  
17 RECEIVE A HUGE BOOST FROM THE FEDERAL RECOVERY ACT THAT WILL  
18 GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING LOS ANGELES FAMILIES. BUT SHE  
19 AND HER COWORKERS HAVE CONCERNS THAT WE WILL MISS OUT ON SOME  
20 OF THE OPPORTUNITY IF WE DO NOT STAFF ACCORDINGLY. SIMILARLY,  
21 XIOMARA ARIAS IS TRAINED IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, A  
22 KEY AREA THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS PRIORITIZING. THE COUNTY  
23 PAID FOR HER TRAINING BUT HAS NOT YET PLACED HER AND IS  
24 INSTEAD STILL USING EXPENSIVE PRIVATE CONTRACT STAFF. YVETTE  
25 HOLMAN BRINGS YOU THE PERSPECTIVE FROM THE BUSY EMERGENCY ROOM



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1 FROM L.A.C. U.S.C. THAT IS SEEING AN INCREASE IN PATIENTS AS  
2 MORE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. RODOLFO MEZA HAS HIS  
3 EYE ON IMPROVING COUNTY STAFF MORALE AND SHORTENING LINES AND  
4 WAIT TIMES FOR THE PUBLIC, AND LUIS VILLEGAS BELIEVES WE CAN  
5 DEAL WITH DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS MORE COST-EFFECTIVELY  
6 AND HUMANELY. COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF WILL RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT  
7 CENTRALIZED BOOK BUYING PRACTICES THAT IGNORE COMMUNITY NEEDS  
8 AND END UP COSTING THE COUNTY MONEY. THANK YOU FOR THIS  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THESE BUDGET HEARINGS. WE HAVE FACED  
10 TOUGH TIMES BEFORE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT WHAT WE'VE LEARNED IS  
11 THAT WITH ADVERSITY COMES OPPORTUNITY. WHEN WE ALL WORK  
12 TOGETHER, WHEN WE PURSUE A COMMON GOAL OF MAINTAINING SERVICES  
13 AND PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, WE CAN GET THROUGH THE TRYING TIMES  
14 AND MAKE OURSELVES BETTER AND STRONGER FOR THE FUTURE. THANK  
15 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, JOHN. DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN--  
18 I MEAN I HAVE A LIST OF SPEAKERS. DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL THEM  
19 OFF?

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21 **JOHN TANNER:** THEY SHOULD BE IN THE ORDER WE WERE PREPARED TO  
22 ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YVETTE HOLMAN AND MARLENE ALLEN.

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1 **YVETTE HOLMAN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS YVETTE  
2 HOLMAN AND I AM AN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE AT L.A.C.+U.S.C.  
3 MEDICAL CENTER. I NORMALLY WORK THE DAY SHIFT. AND I SEE A LOT  
4 THERE EVERY DAY. IT IS A GRUELING AND TOUGH JOB. WE SEE  
5 HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS EVERY DAY IN NEED OF EVERY TYPE OF  
6 SERVICE. WE ARE HAPPY TO BE IN OUR NEW AND MODERATE FACILITY.  
7 BUT OUR PATIENTS ARE STILL WAITING 24 TO 27 HOURS TO BE SEEN.  
8 ON A GOOD DAY, A PATIENT MIGHT WAIT 8 TO 12 HOURS. ON TOP OF  
9 THAT, THE WAITING ROOM IS SMALL AND IT FILLS UP QUICKLY, SO  
10 PEOPLE MUST STAND OR SIT ON THE FLOOR. WE ARE WORRIED THAT AS  
11 MORE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE OR THEIR C.O.B.R.A.  
12 EXPIRES, THE WAIT AND LINES ARE GOING TO GET LONGER. WE CARE  
13 FOR PATIENTS AS FAST AS WE CAN, BUT WE ALSO SEE A BACK UP WHEN  
14 WE RUN OUT OF BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR THE I.C.U. THEN PATIENTS  
15 MUST WAIT IN THE E.R. BEDS THAT SHOULD BE USED FOR PEOPLE WITH  
16 EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. IT IS A CHALLENGING ATMOSPHERE FILLED  
17 WITH A TREMENDOUS, DEDICATED STAFF. WE WORRY AS WE HEAD  
18 FURTHER INTO AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE  
19 QUALITY CARE AND CUT DOWN ON WAIT TIMES WILL BE FURTHER  
20 JEOPARDIZED. SUPERVISORS, I KNOW EACH OF YOU VALUE THE  
21 HEALTHCARE SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY PROVIDES TO THOSE IN  
22 NEED. I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW THAT OUR CONSTITUENTS DEPEND ON OUR  
23 EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE, EVEN IF THEY HAVE PRIVATE HEALTH  
24 INSURANCE. I TAKE AN ENORMOUS PRIDE IN THE COMFORT WE GIVE TO  
25 THOSE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, TO THOSE WHO USE THE L.A.





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1 FREEWAYS. I HOPE WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO  
2 HEALTHCARE AND MODERNIZE OUR HEALTH SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTS, EVEN  
3 IN THESE TOUGH TIMES. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARLENE ALLEN AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL  
6 KIM PETERS AND LAURA FRAKES. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US UP HERE,  
7 PLEASE? GO AHEAD, MARLENE.

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9 **MARLENE ALLEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARLENE ALLEN, AND I'M  
10 A SUPERVISOR IN THE GAIN PROGRAM WHICH IS PART OF THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. GAIN IS OUR WELFARE TO  
12 WORK PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT IS MANDATED BY  
13 THE FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM ACT ORIGINALLY SIGNED BY PRESIDENT  
14 CLINTON. WE WORK WITH FAMILIES TO HELP THEM BECOME SELF-  
15 SUFFICIENT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING HELPING THEM FIND  
16 WORK. I KNOW THERE'S A STEREOTYPE OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE BUT  
17 IN THESE TIMES, YOU CAN THROW THAT STEREOTYPE OUT THE WINDOW.  
18 WITH THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, WE ARE SEEING EVERY TYPE OF FAMILY  
19 IN OUR OFFICES, INCLUDING PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN WITHOUT A  
20 JOB AND NEVER EXPECTED TO BE SITTING IN A WELFARE OFFICE. IN  
21 RECENT MONTHS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASSISTANCE HAVE  
22 SKYROCKETED. WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE EVERYTHING  
23 THEY CAN TO STAY AFLOAT. THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR BENEFITS,  
24 EXHAUSTED SEVERANCE PAY, EXHAUSTED THEIR SAVINGS, SOLD CARS  
25 AND FAMILY HEIRLOOMS AND NOW THEY'RE IN A CALWORKS OFFICE. IT



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1 HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TAXING JOB. WE SEE PEOPLE IN VARIOUS STAGES  
2 OF DESPAIR. AND WE TRY TO GET THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET WITH  
3 THEIR OWN JOBS SUPPORTING THEIR OWN FAMILY. BUT LATELY AS OUR  
4 CASELOADS HAVE INCREASED, SO HAS OUR ROLE AS A COUNSELOR. JUST  
5 RECENTLY, MY COWORKER HAD TO CONSOLE A MAN WHO SIMPLY BROKE  
6 DOWN IN TEARS IN HIS OFFICE. THE SHAME AND DISBELIEF HE FELT  
7 SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO HANDLE.  
8 WE'RE GENTLY CLOSING THE DOOR AND OFFERING TISSUES A LOT MORE  
9 OFTEN NOW BECAUSE ONE IN FIVE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IS ON  
10 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. SO THIS MAN IS NOT ALONE. BUT THERE IS A  
11 SILVER LINING. AS PART OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
12 ACT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR SUBSIDIZED  
13 FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT. THAT MEANS WE CAN OFFER OUR CLIENTS  
14 10,000 JOBS THROUGH AT LEAST MARCH 2010. THIS IS AN  
15 EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY. AS GAIN STAFF WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE  
16 HAD JOBS TO OFFER. WE HELP PEOPLE WRITE THEIR RESUMES, LEARN  
17 HOW TO INTERVIEW, PREPARE FOR WORK AND FIND A JOB; BUT WE HAVE  
18 NEVER BEEN ABLE TO OFFER A JOB. WHICH MEANS SOMETIMES PEOPLE  
19 WITHOUT EXPERIENCE OR WITH EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES CANNOT  
20 FIND EMPLOYMENT. WE KNOW THAT WHEN ADULTS START GOING TO WORK,  
21 THE ENTIRE ATTITUDE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IMPROVES. PEOPLE TELL ME  
22 THEY CAN FEEL IT IN THEIR BONES AND SEE IT IN THE EYES OF  
23 THEIR CHILDREN. IT'S A NEW ENVIRONMENT, AND THE FAMILY IS ABLE  
24 TO MAKE PURCHASES FOR THEIR CHILDREN THAT THEY COULDN'T DO  
25 BEFORE. MULTIPLY THAT BY 10,000 AND THE POSITIVE EFFECT ON



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1 L.A. COUNTY ARE ASTOUNDING. SO HERE'S THE RUB. I'M A  
2 SUPERVISOR. I SUPERVISOR FIVE PEOPLE SOON TO BE SIX. EACH OF  
3 MY STAFF OVERSEES 160 TO 180 CASES. EACH PARTICIPANT NEEDS  
4 SOMETHING DIFFERENT. IT DEPENDS ON THE STAGE THEY'RE IN. SOME  
5 REQUIRE MORE ATTENTION THAN OTHERS. BUT AT CURRENT LEVEL, IT  
6 LEAVES ABOUT AN HOUR PER PERSON, INCLUDING CONSULTATION,  
7 PAPERWORK AND FOLLOW UP PER MONTH. I'M WORRIED THAT SUCH A  
8 HUGE CASELOAD, WE WOULD MISS THE DEADLINE TO HELP OUR CLIENTS  
9 AND THEIR FAMILIES BECAUSE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FILL ALL  
10 10,000 JOBS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DO THAT. AT THIS TIME, THIS  
11 IS AN AREA WE NEED TO GROW IN IN ORDER TO HELP MORE PEOPLE IN  
12 OUR COUNTY. I ALWAYS REMIND MY STAFF AND COWORKERS AND  
13 SOMETIMES MYSELF THAT WE HELP PEOPLE KEEP THEIR DIGNITY AND  
14 MOVE FROM ONE STAGE IN LIFE TO THE NEXT. IN THIS ECONOMY, THAT  
15 COULD BE ANYONE IN THIS ROOM. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY  
16 TO BE HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT I'M SEEING IN MY D.P.S.S.  
17 OFFICE AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE NEED TO WORK IN COOPERATION TO  
18 MAKE THIS WORK RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.  
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK BEFORE KIM AND  
22 LAURA BEGIN, I WOULD ASK LUIS VILLEGAS TO JOIN US HERE,  
23 PLEASE. LUIS?

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1   **LAURA FRAKES:** I'M LAURA FRAKES, THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGER  
2   OF THE CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON LIBRARY. WHEN PEOPLE THINK  
3   LIBRARIES, THEY GENERALLY THINK BOOKS. BUT NOT MANY KNOW THE  
4   PROCESS OF BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS GET ON THE  
5   SHELVES HAVE WHEN I JOINED THE COUNTY LIBRARY DEPARTMENT,  
6   FIELD STAFF, THOSE WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE PUBLIC, RECEIVED  
7   AN ANNUAL MATERIALS BUDGET AND WOULD SELECT TITLES FROM LARGE  
8   MONTHLY ORDER PACKETS. THESE PACKETS WERE PRODUCED BY  
9   MATERIALS COORDINATORS. AND THEN EACH LIBRARY MANAGER, WITH  
10   STAFF INPUT, WOULD DETERMINE WHICH TITLES AND HOW MANY COPIES  
11   WOULD BE SELECTED. IN RECENT YEARS, THAT PRACTICE HAS SHIFTED  
12   AWAY FROM THE FIELD STAFF, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY  
13   FOR INPUT. NOW LESS THAN 10 PEOPLE DETERMINE HOW A MILLION  
14   PLUS BUDGET, MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET IS SPENT. WE SERVE DIVERSE  
15   COMMUNITIES, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ORDER THE TITLES HAVE NO  
16   DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC.

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18   **KIM PETERS:** HI, MY NAME IS KIM PETERS. I'VE BEEN A PROUD  
19   COUNTY LIBRARY EMPLOYEE FOR 31 YEARS. WE ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY  
20   BECAUSE WE SEE WAYS THAT CAN IMPROVE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR  
21   COUNTY RESIDENTS WITHOUT SPENDING ANY MONEY AND IN SOME CASES  
22   SAVING MONEY. THESE ARE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE BEEN RAISING FOR  
23   SOME TIME, BUT WE BELIEVE NOW AS WE ARE ALREADY HEADED INTO  
24   NEGOTIATIONS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO SERIOUSLY ADDRESS SOME OF  
25   THESE PROBLEMS AND IMPROVE LIBRARY ACCESS FOR EVERYONE. THE



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1 LIBRARIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVE VERY DIVERSE  
2 COMMUNITIES. LA MIRADA IS DIFFERENT FROM LA CANADA. WEST  
3 HOLLYWOOD IS DIFFERENT FROM WEST COVINA, COMPTON FROM  
4 CLAREMONT, ARTESIA FROM AVALON. PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT LIBRARY  
5 NEEDS AND DIFFERENT COMMUNITY NEEDS. BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE  
6 CENTRALIZED SELECTION SYSTEM. IT TAKES THE COMMUNITY OUT OF  
7 COMMUNITY LIBRARIES. WE ARE NO LONGER COMMUNITY LIBRARIES BUT  
8 SERVICE OUTLETS. AS MCLIBRARIES, WE HAVE A NO VALUE MENU. NO  
9 VALUE BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET OUR COMMUNITIES THE TITLES THAT  
10 THEY WANT AND NEED WHEN THEY NEED THEM. OUR DEPARTMENT IS  
11 WASTING HUGE AMOUNTS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS BUYING MATERIALS THAT  
12 LIBRARIES CAN'T USE OR CIRCULATE TO THE PUBLIC. IN PULLING  
13 OTHER LIBRARY STEWARDS AND STAFF, THEIR LIBRARIES ARE  
14 RECEIVING ANYWHERE FROM HALF THEIR ANNUAL MATERIALS A YEAR TO  
15 100 TO 200 TITLES A MONTH THAT DON'T MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR  
16 COMMUNITIES. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS WASTE IS 85 COPIES OF "SECRET  
17 DAILY TEACHINGS," A DAY BY DAY TEAR OFF CALENDAR AT A COST OF  
18 \$15 EACH WAS PURCHASED FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,317. THE "WANDMAKERS'  
19 GUIDEBOOK," WHICH IS A BOOK FOR CHILDREN THAT CAN'T BE  
20 CIRCULATED OR EVEN MUCH OUT OF THE LIBRARIAN'S SIGHT BECAUSE  
21 OF THE CHOKING HAZARDS IT PRESENTS TO SMALL CHILDREN. 57  
22 COPIES WERE PURCHASED AT A COST OF \$32 EACH FOR \$1,852.  
23 CENTRALIZED BUYING MEANS WE ARE NOT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE  
24 COMMUNITIES. THE DEPARTMENT IS PURCHASING MORE AND MORE  
25 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES WITH DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS. THE PROBLEM WITH



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1 THIS IS PROBABLY ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF OUR CUSTOMERS DON'T HAVE  
2 THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO ACCESS THESE MATERIALS AND YOU CAN'T  
3 ACCESS THEM FROM THE COMPUTERS IN THE LIBRARY FOR THE PUBLIC  
4 TO USE. THAT MEANS PROFESSIONAL TOOLS ARE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY  
5 ELIMINATED AND IN-HOUSE REFERENCE QUESTIONS ARE NO LONGER  
6 ANSWERABLE ON THE SPOT. AND BECAUSE OF THESE CHOICES, THERE  
7 ARE NOT ENOUGH COPIES OF THE TITLES THAT PEOPLE DO WANT WITH  
8 LONG WAITING LISTS FOR NEW POPULAR TITLES. FOR EXAMPLE, FROM  
9 THE APRIL 27TH BESTSELLERS LIST, "LIBERTY AND TYRANNY," 87  
10 REQUESTS, SEVEN COPIES. "ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN,"  
11 354 REQUESTS, 40 COPIES. THE NEW D.V.D. "TWILIGHT," WHICH IS  
12 NOT OUT YET, HAS 565 REQUESTS AND ONLY SIX COPIES HAVE BEEN  
13 ORDERED. NOT TOO LONG AGO, LIBRARY STAFF AT EACH LIBRARY  
14 SELECTED BOOKS THAT MATCHED ITS CUSTOMERS' NEEDS. WITH NEW  
15 COMPUTER-BASED TECHNOLOGY ALREADY IN USE BY THE COUNTY, THIS  
16 OLD PROCESS COULD BE REINTRODUCED WITH A RELATIVE EASE. IT  
17 WOULD PUT EACH COMMUNITY'S NEEDS FIRST AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT  
18 OF WASTE THAT COMES WITH ORDERING THE WRONG BOOKS FOR A  
19 PARTICULAR AUDIENCE. AS LIBRARY STAFF, WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN  
20 MAINTAINING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITIES WE  
21 SERVE. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN BEING PART OF THAT COMMUNITY,  
22 ENCOURAGING LEARNING AND READING, TWO VERY IMPORTANT THINGS.  
23 BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGED TACITLY AND DIRECTLY TO INTERACT LESS  
24 WITH OUR CUSTOMERS, WHICH MEANS WE ARE LESS ABLE TO MEET THEIR  
25 NEEDS. REMOVING THE HUMAN ELEMENT FROM LIBRARIES WHEN OUR





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1 CUSTOMERS NEED IT MOST IN THE THESE TOUGH TIMES IS WRONG. BUT  
2 IN ADDITION TO GIVING LIBRARIES LESS CONTROL OVER BOOK  
3 SELECTION, WE ARE ALSO TRENDING TOWARDS SELF-CHECKOUTS. LIKE  
4 CENTRALIZED SELECTION, THIS DOESN'T WORK AND NEEDS TO BE  
5 STOPPED BEFORE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE  
6 WASTED. PUT CUSTOMERS AND STAFF FIRST. LIBRARY SERVICE IS  
7 PUBLIC SERVICE. HOW MANY OF YOU CAN WALK INTO A LIBRARY AND  
8 LOCATE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR? THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE  
9 FOR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] RODOLFO MEZA AND  
12 XIOMARA ARIAS, IF YOU WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **LUIS VILLEGAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

17

18 **LUIS VILLEGAS:** MY NAME IS LUIS VILLEGAS, AND I AM AN ANIMAL  
19 CONTROL OFFICER 3 IN THE ALTADENA AREA. I AM THE ONLY SERGEANT  
20 IN THE FIELD AREA. SO I TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING FROM  
21 INVESTIGATIONS, COURT FILINGS, STRAY PICK UPS, DEAD ANIMAL  
22 PICK UPS, TRAPS AND NOISE COMPLAINT CALLS. THAT MEANS I DEAL  
23 WITH AGGRESSIVE, INJURED, VICIOUS AND LOOSE DOGS AND OTHER  
24 ANIMALS IN THE AREA AS WELL AS THEIR OWNERS WHO SOMETIMES  
25 DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT THEIR NEIGHBORS HAVE COMPLAINED I HAVE



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1 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY FOR 11 YEARS. BUT  
2 FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, I'VE HAD SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT OUR  
3 ABILITY TO DO THE BEST JOB POSSIBLE WHILE KEEPING STAFF  
4 MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC AND ANIMALS SAFE. LIKE YOU'VE HEARD  
5 FROM MANY COLLEAGUES IN THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, OUR  
6 SERVICES ARE IN GREAT DEMAND RIGHT NOW. WE ARE SEEING AN  
7 INCREASE IN CALLS, MORE DOGS IN THE STREETS, MORE ANIMALS  
8 TURNED IN, ESPECIALLY AGGRESSIVE DOGS, AND ABANDONED ANIMALS  
9 IN FORECLOSED HOUSES. THIS IS ON THE TOP OF A GENERAL INCREASE  
10 IN THE COUNTY ANIMAL POPULATION IN THE LAST DECADE. MANY OF  
11 THE SITUATIONS WE DEAL WITH ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, FROM  
12 ASSISTING SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, TO HELPING NEIGHBORS, PUT US IN  
13 HARM'S WAY AND REQUIRE US TO DEAL WITH SOME GREW SOME  
14 SITUATIONS. THE LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTED IN MARCH THAT MORE  
15 PEOPLE ARE TURNING OVER THEIR HORSES TO THE COUNTY BECAUSE THE  
16 EXPENSE IS SO GREAT. WE ARE ALSO ROUTINELY CALLED TO EXTREME  
17 HOARDING CASES WHERE HOMES AND BUILDINGS ARE PACKED WITH  
18 ANIMALS AND THEIR FECES. SOMETIMES YOU CAN SMELL THE STENCH  
19 FOR BLOCKS. WE ARE CALLED TO TAKE AWAY AGGRESSIVE PITBULLS AT  
20 CRIME SCENES AND MORE. YET WE LACK THE PROTECTIVE BOOTS TO  
21 KEEP OUR FEET SAFE AND PROPER POLES TO CATCH BITING OR OTHER  
22 OFFENSIVE ANIMALS LIKE SKUNKS. THIS IS RELATIVELY LITTLE COST.  
23 THIS RELATIVELY LITTLE COST WOULD REDUCE THE COUNTY'S  
24 LIABILITY, PREVENT INJURIES AND IMPROVE WORKERS' MORALE. WE  
25 HAVE SPOKEN TO THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND SOME OF THE BOARD



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1 DEPUTIES ABOUT THIS ISSUE, BUT IT IS STILL UNRESOLVED. THIS  
2 VERY SMALL REQUEST WILL GO A LONG WAY IN TERMS OF THE SERVICE  
3 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS ARE COMFORTABLE PROVIDING AND RESPECT  
4 WE FEEL ON THE JOB, ALL WHILE SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY. IN  
5 THESE TYPES OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR THAT WE WANT  
6 TO ADDRESS DURING COUNTY BARGAINING THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR  
7 YOUR TIME. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I TRULY VALUE KEEPING  
8 MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND ANIMALS SAFE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.  
11 [APPLAUSE.] BEFORE YOU TESTIFY THERE, I WOULD ASK LUIS ZENTENO  
12 TO JOIN US, PLEASE. OKAY? MR. MEZA?

13

14 **RODOLFO MEZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RODOLFO MEZA. I AM  
15 WORKING TO THE LOS ANGELES REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY CLERKS. I  
16 WORK AT THE WINDOWS AND I ANSWER THE PHONES ALSO. JUST DEALING  
17 WITH BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES. EVERY DAY I HELP  
18 AND INTERACT WITH HUNDREDS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. LAST WEEK  
19 ALONE, I PROCESSED MORE THAN 500 REQUESTS. I STARTED WORKING  
20 WITH THE COUNTY IN 2003. I LIKE MY JOB, BUT IT'S TOUGH. LET ME  
21 TELL YOU WHY. EVERY DAY WITHOUT FAIL THE PUBLIC HAS TO WAIT  
22 OUTSIDE IN THE HOT SUN WITH NO SHADE. AND IF IT IS RAINING,  
23 WITH NO COVER AT ALL, FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR OR MORE, SOMETIMES  
24 TWO HOURS DEPENDING, JUST TO GET TO THE PUBLIC WINDOW. IF THEY  
25 CHOSE TO CALL THE PHONE THE LINE IS BUSY FOR MORE THAN AN



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1 HOUR. YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT YOUR ULTIMATE MISSION TO CUT OFF THE  
2 BUSY SIGNS TO GET TO ME. RIGHT NOW, BY THE TIME THE PUBLIC  
3 GETS TO ME AT THE WINDOW, THEY ARE UPSET. SOMETIMES THEY ARE  
4 MAD. SOMETIMES THEY ARE YELLING. BUT THEY'RE NEVER HAPPY. HOW  
5 CAN THEY BE? IT MAKES ME FEEL TERRIBLE. IT MAKES ALSO MY  
6 COWORKERS UPSET. AND THERE ARE ABOUT 50 PEOPLE IN MY  
7 DEPARTMENT. GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE, HEALTHY INTERACTIONS WITH  
8 THE PUBLIC, GETTING THE TAXPAYERS WHAT THEY NEED IS A TIMELY  
9 AND EFFICIENT WAY, IS ONE OF MY GOALS. BUT IT'S NEARLY  
10 IMPOSSIBLE TO DELIVER. SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE STAFF IS  
11 UPSET AND FEELS UNDER ATTACK; AND THE PUBLIC THAT JUST WANTS A  
12 BIRTH, DEATH OR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, WHEN THEY GET IT,  
13 THEY'RE ALL UNHAPPY ALREADY. IT'S LOSS/LOSS SITUATION. I TELL  
14 YOU THIS BECAUSE WE CAN MAKE THE SITUATION BETTER AND MORE  
15 COST-EFFECTIVE THROUGH IMPROVED SCHEDULING, WE CAN ANTICIPATE  
16 THE NEED AT CERTAIN WINDOWS AND SHORTEN THE LINES AND IMPROVE  
17 MORALE. RIGHT NOW, THE PROPERTY RECORDS WINDOW LINE IS VERY  
18 SHORT, SO BY USING SOME OF THE VALUABLE WINDOWS IN THE AREA,  
19 WE COULD STOP AT THE BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES  
20 DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL GO A LONG WAY TO IMPROVE MORALE IN BOTH  
21 THE STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. THESE ARE SIMPLE FEATURES THAT WILL  
22 IMPROVE EVERYONE'S EXPERIENCE. WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT  
23 COOPERATION AND INVITE YOU TO WORK WITH US. I THINK YOUR  
24 CONSTITUENTS WILL REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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1 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY STORY AND THE STORY OF MY  
2 COWORKERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LUIS ZENTENO? AND THEN ALSO  
5 VERONICA GARCIA?

6

7 **XIOMARA ARIAS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS XIOMARA ARIAS, AND I  
8 AM AN INTERMEDIATE TYPIST CLERK AT THE ARMANI COMPREHENSIVE  
9 HEALTH CENTER, BUT I SHOULD BE A MEDICAL CODER THAT'S WHAT I  
10 WAS TRAINED TO DO. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR ABOUT 4  
11 1/2 YEARS NOW. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I COMPLETED MY EDUCATION AT  
12 EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE IN COMPUTER-BASED MEDICAL CODING. LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY PAID FOR MY SCHOOLING AS PART OF ITS CAREER  
14 ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM. I WAS EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY  
15 BECAUSE IT MEANT I COULD LEARN A USEFUL SKILL, CONTRIBUTE MORE  
16 TO THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND BETTER MYSELF AND MY FAMILY.  
17 UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE LAST YEAR, I HAVE BEEN WAITING TO BE  
18 PLACED ON THE COUNTY CODING SYSTEM. THE COUNTY PAID FOR MY  
19 EDUCATION, BUT MY TRAINING IS NOT BEING PUT TO USE. INSTEAD,  
20 THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO USE EXPENSIVE OUTSIDE REGISTRY  
21 WORKERS TO SERVE THIS ROLE WHILE THE RANKS OF THE TRAINED  
22 COUNTY CODING STAFF AWAITING PLACEMENT INCREASES. TRAINING  
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE COUNTY TO DO A JOB THAT IS IN  
24 HIGH DEMAND BUT HAS A LACK OF APPLICANTS IS SMART AND MAKES  
25 FINANCIAL SENSE. TRAINING US AND THEN HIRING REGISTRY STAFF



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1 DOES NOT. WHILE I WAIT IN THE PIPELINE TO GET PLACED, I'M  
2 RISKING LOSING MY SKILLS. CODING IS LIKE A SECOND LANGUAGE;  
3 YOU NEED TO USE IT. I FEEL LIKE MY TRAINING IS BEING WASTED  
4 AND IT'S FRUSTRATING TO ME THAT I AM NOT USING WHAT I HAVE  
5 LEARNED. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU MY STORY AND ASK FOR YOUR HELP  
6 IN MAKING THIS AND OTHER SMART CHOICES WITHIN THE COUNTY TO  
7 SERVE THE PEOPLE BETTER AND MAKE COUNTY SERVICES MORE  
8 EFFICIENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THEN I'D ASK ANJALI DA  
11 VICTORIA LOBO TO JOIN US PLEASE. I PROBABLY DIDN'T DO A GOOD  
12 JOB ON THAT, BUT I APOLOGIZE. BUT YOU RECOGNIZED IT AND THAT'S  
13 GOOD. OKAY. WHO'S NEXT?

14

15 **VERONICA GARCIA:** (IN SPANISH) GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS  
16 VERONICA GARCIA. I REPRESENT THE EMPLOYEES WHO CLEAN HARBOR  
17 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU BECAUSE I'M ONE  
18 OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN. I WORK FOR THE  
19 HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER. IT'S IRONIC THAT I WORK FOR A HOSPITAL,  
20 BUT I DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MYSELF. WE FEEL LIKE  
21 WE'VE BEEN FORGOTTEN BY THE COUNTY FOR FIVE YEARS. IN FIVE  
22 YEARS, WE HAVEN'T HAD A RAISE, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD HEALTH  
23 INSURANCE OR TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILY. I HOPE THAT THE COUNTY  
24 WILL THINK OF US, THOSE OF US WHO CLEAN THE HOSPITALS, AND  
25 REMEMBER THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR OUR FAMILIES. WE NEED A





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1 RAISE. I HOPE THAT YOU CONSIDER OUR SITUATION, BOTH FOR MYSELF  
2 AND MY COWORKERS WHO CLEAN THE HOSPITAL. THIS IS ALL. THANK  
3 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK A QUESTION? IS SHE  
8 REPRESENTED BY THE UNION?

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10 **ANJALI DA VICTORIA LOBO:** YES.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE HASN'T HAD A RAISE FOR FIVE YEARS.

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14 **SPEAKER:** THESE ARE SUBCONTRACTED JANITORS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS THE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES?

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18 **SPEAKER:** THE CONTRACT IS SERVICON SYSTEMS INC.?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU REPRESENT HER? THE UNION REPRESENTS HER?

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22 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE UNION REPRESENT ALL THE EMPLOYEES  
25 WHO WORK FOR SERVICON?



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2 **SPEAKER:** WE REPRESENT THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK FOR SERVICON WHO  
3 CLEAN JANITORIAL, YES, HOSPITALS ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. THERE ARE  
4 400 OF THEM, THE NUMBER. 400 PLUS. AND THEY HAVEN'T ACTUALLY--  
5 I MEAN THAT'S PART OF MY TALKING POINTS, EXPLAINING THE  
6 SITUATION OF HOW THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED C.O.L.A. INCREASES. AND  
7 LIVING WAGES.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I GUESS MY CONFUSION IS-- I DON'T MEAN  
10 TO BE FLIPPANT BECAUSE I'M NOT BEING FLIPPANT ABOUT IT, BUT  
11 ISN'T YOUR BEEF WITH SERVICON, FIRST AND FOREMOST?

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13 **SPEAKER:** THE WAY THE CONTRACT WAS DRAWN UP, WE ARE IN CONTRACT  
14 NEGOTIATIONS WITH STAFFING AT SERVICON, BUT THE WAY THE  
15 CONTRACT HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SERVICON  
16 SUCH AS IT IS IN PLACE MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THESE WORKERS TO  
17 RECEIVE SOME OF THE VERY BASIC WAGE INCREASES THAT ARE  
18 EXPECTED THROUGH, FOR EXAMPLE, LIVING WAGE AND THROUGH  
19 C.O.L.A.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT THAN THE  
22 CONTRACT JANITORIAL THAT WE HAVE WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY  
23 REPRESENTATION? ARE THERE SOME CONTRACT JANITORIAL COMPANIES?

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25 **SPEAKER:** YES, THAT ARE NON UNION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SECURITY, AS WELL.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE YOU DON'T REPRESENT ANY OF THEM?

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8 **SPEAKER:** THEY'RE NOT HERE TODAY. WE REPRESENT-- WE DON'T  
9 REPRESENT THEM.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU REPRESENT ALL OF THEM?

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13 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE REPRESENT SERVICON?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT SOME OF THE OTHERS.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** NOT THE NON UNION.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS MY CONFUSION. I'LL WAIT TO HEAR  
20 WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MISS GARCIA. I ASK  
23 SUZANNE CUMMINGS TO JOIN US, PLEASE. LUIS ZENTENO.

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1   **LUIS ZENTENO:** (IN SPANISH) MY NAME IS LUIS ZENTENO. GOOD  
2   MORNING, EVERYONE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I WAS SITTING IN THE  
3   SAME SEAT, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS GLORIA MOLINA WAS HERE  
4   BEFORE. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I ALSO WORK FOR THE COMPANY SERVICON.  
5   AND IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE WE'VE HAD ANY SORT OF RAISE. WE  
6   DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE. I WORK FOR OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL  
7   CENTER. THERE ARE OTHER COMPANIES WHO ALSO HAVE CONTRACTS IN  
8   THIS HOSPITAL WORKING SECURITY AND FOOD SERVICES. AND THE  
9   PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THESE COMPANIES HAVE HAD RAISES THAT HAVE,  
10   IN LARGE PART, HELPED THEM COVER THEIR BASIC NECESSITIES. SO  
11   MY QUESTION IS: WHY DO SOME OF THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES RECEIVE  
12   RAISES FROM COUNTY MONIES AND WE DON'T? AND I WANT TO CLARIFY  
13   THAT EVEN THOUGH WE WORK FOR A HOSPITAL, WE DON'T RECEIVE ANY  
14   KIND OF HEALTH INSURANCE. I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT YOU  
15   YOURSELVES HAVE FAMILY, YOU YOURSELVES HAVE CHILDREN. AND FOR  
16   ME, THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FAMILY GROWS AND THAT  
17   YOUR CHILDREN GROW IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE THEIR BASIC  
18   NECESSITIES, INCLUDING HEALTH INSURANCE AND EDUCATION. AND  
19   PART OF IMPROVING THEIR LIVES IS HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE  
20   COVERAGE. AND IN THAT RESPECT, WE FEEL LIKE SOMETHING IS  
21   FAILING. THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING YOU TODAY THAT WE HAVE A  
22   LITTLE BIT MORE ECONOMIC SECURITY. I HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, ONE  
23   OF THEM RIGHT NOW IS IN COLLEGE. AND EVIDENTLY THIS HAS ME  
24   FAIRLY CONCERNED ABOUT MY OWN FAMILY. BUT I TRUST ALL OF YOU



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1 TODAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RECEIVE A POSITIVE SOLUTION HERE.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? I'M SORRY. I AM PUZZLED BY

5 THIS BECAUSE MR. FUJIOKA AND I WERE JUST TALKING. AND HE

6 REMINDED ME THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL OF OUR CONTRACTS ARE LIVING

7 WAGE CONTRACTS. I THINK THAT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING

8 UNDERSTANDING. I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE LOCAL 1877. I DIDN'T

9 LOOK AT THE LIST. I THOUGHT YOU WERE 741. BUT IT MAKES NO

10 DIFFERENCE. OUR CONTRACTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE LIVING WAGE

11 PROVISIONS, CORRECT? YOU'RE LOOKING INTO THIS.

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE'RE LOOKING INTO. WE'LL REPORT BACK ON

14 THIS.

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16 **SPEAKER:** COULD I?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD. IT IS MY QUESTION. YOU CAN DO IT.

19 ALL RIGHT?

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21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GOOD MORNING TODAY ON BEHALF.

22 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 1877 AND UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST. AS YOU'VE

23 JUST HEARD FROM THESE TWO HARD WORKING JANITORS WHO KEEP OPEN

24 AND CLEAN SOME OF THE BEST HEALTH FACILITIES, THE STRUGGLE IS

25 A DAILY ONE TO KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS AND FOOD ON THEIR



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1 TABLES. THESE SUBCONTRACTED JANITORS NUMBERING NEARLY 400  
2 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY HOSPITALS, INCLUDING HARBOR U.C.L.A., OLIVE  
3 VIEW AND HIGH DESERT AND COMMERCE LABS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN  
4 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEIR EMPLOYER, SERVICON IN THE  
5 NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR A NEW CONTRACT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST. AROUND  
6 THE SAME TIME, THE COUNTY WILL BE AWARDING OR RE-AWARDING ITS  
7 HOUSEKEEPING CONTRACT TO A CLEANING CONTRACTOR. HOW THAT  
8 CONTRACT IS DEFINED AND PUT TOGETHER AFFECTS WHAT ULTIMATELY  
9 SERVICON OFFERS TO ITS JANITORS. ALL THESE JANITORS ASK FOR  
10 THIS YEAR IS THAT THE LIVING WAGE IS ENSURED, FOR OUR COUNTY  
11 BE DEFINITELY APPLIED TO THE NEW LIVING WAGE AND THAT THEY  
12 RECEIVE THEIR C.O.L.A./ C.P.I. ALLOWANCES DUE TO THEM. THE  
13 COUNTY CAN ENSURE THAT THROUGH THE CONTRACT IT AWARDS AND THE  
14 LANGUAGE IT USES WITH THE CONTRACTED CLEANING COMPANY. FOR THE  
15 LAST FEW YEARS, THESE JANITORS, BOTH LUIS, VERONICA AND THEIR  
16 COLLEAGUES, HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY THE HIGHER LIVING WAGE  
17 AS IT ONLY GOES INTO EFFECT FOR THEM, WRITTEN INTO THE  
18 CONTRACT, BUT ONLY GOES INTO EFFECT FOR THEM WHEN THE COUNTY  
19 SIGNS A NEW CONTRACT WITH THEIR EMPLOYER ALSO AROUND SEPTEMBER  
20 1ST. SO THEY ARE CURRENTLY STILL WORKING UNDER THE OLD LIVING  
21 WAGE RATES. IN ADDITION, THESE SUBCONTRACTED WORKERS ONLY GET  
22 C.O.L.A. INCREASES WHEN AND IF THE COUNTY APPROVES IT FOR THEM  
23 THROUGH THEIR CONTRACTOR. THIS IS A SOMEWHAT LENGTHY PROCESS,  
24 AND FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS NOT APPROVED . ANY  
25 C.O.L.A. FOR THEM. SO IN EFFECT WHAT THESE JANITORS ARE





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1 TALKING ABOUT IS THEY'VE HAD THEIR WAGES FROZEN FOR THE LAST  
2 FEW YEARS. WHETHER IT'S THROUGH SERVICON, WHETHER IT'S THROUGH  
3 THE COUNTY NOT APPROVING C.O.L.A., THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT  
4 THEY COULD HAVE BEEN MAKING COMES OUT TO MORE THAN \$5,000 A  
5 YEAR, WHICH IN REAL LIFE TERMS FOR THESE PEOPLE COULD HAVE  
6 MEANT BETTER HEALTHCARE, LESS WORRY OVER RENT THIS MONTH, MORE  
7 BOOKS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND IMPROVED CHANCES FOR A BRIGHTER  
8 FUTURE. WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE BUDGET CRISIS AND IN THIS  
9 ECONOMIC CRISIS HOW HARD WORKING FAMILIES ARE BEING AFFECTED,  
10 ESPECIALLY SUBCONTRACTED WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM ARE LOW WAGE  
11 EARNERS. AND THEY MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE DEPEND ON THE LIVING  
12 WAGE AND C.O.L.A. TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN  
13 PUT IN PLACE TO HELP HARD WORKING FAMILIES SUCH AS LUIS AND  
14 VERONICA'S. AS YOU KNOW AT S.E.I.U., AND WE'VE ALL SPOKEN  
15 HERE, HEALTHCARE REFORM IS A PRIORITY WHILE STILL MINDING  
16 COSTS AND WE SEE L.A. COUNTY AS A PARTNER IN THIS ARENA. SO WE  
17 ASK YOU THIS TIME AROUND TO PLEASE REMEMBER THE JANITORS AND  
18 OTHER HARD WORKING FAMILIES. AND WE ASK THE BOARD, AS WELL, TO  
19 CONSIDER WAYS THAT WE CAN SOMEHOW IMPROVE OR ENSURE EASIER  
20 ACCESS AND APPLICATION FOR C.O.L.A. AND A LIVING WAGE TO  
21 SUBCONTRACTED WORKERS DURING THE TERM OF THEIR CONTRACTS.  
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO ASK FOR A REPORT FROM THEM ON  
2    A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS WHAT YOU'RE ALREADY LOOKING AT. I  
3    CAN'T IMAGINE, MAYBE I'M MISSING SOMETHING. I CAN'T IMAGINE  
4    ANY LIVING WAGE CONTRACT THAT DID NOT PROVIDE ANY COST OF  
5    LIVING ADJUSTMENT OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. I'M NOT SURE THAT  
6    I'M HEARING WHAT THEY'RE SAYING OR THAT THEY'RE SAYING WHAT  
7    ACTUALLY HAPPENED. BUT IF WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, WHICH THEY  
8    APPEAR TO BE SAYING IS TRUE, THEN THAT'S NOT IN KEEPING WITH  
9    THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. I DON'T  
10   THINK THERE IS A PERSON HERE ON THE BOARD WHO WOULD DISAGREE  
11   WITH THAT. SO, NUMBER ONE, YOU'RE ALREADY LOOKING AT THAT  
12   PIECE. I'D ALSO LIKE YOU TO REPORT BACK TO US ON EVERY OTHER  
13   LIVING WAGE CONTRACT WE HAVE TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER  
14   PROVISIONS SHE DESCRIBED OR SIMILAR PROVISIONS THAT DON'T  
15   CREATE AN AUTOMATIC, BUILT-IN ADJUSTMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF A  
16   LIVING WAGE STANDARD RATHER THAN FORCING A CONTRACTOR TO COME  
17   TO US. I COULD IMAGINE THAT IT WOULD TAKE TWO YEARS EVEN IF WE  
18   WANTED TO DO IT, THE BUREAUCRACY TAKES A LONG TIME. IF WE  
19   DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT EXCUSE. I DON'T  
20   THINK THE LATTER IS THE CASE. I THINK WE ALL INTENDED WHEN WE  
21   DID THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, NOT TO START AT A WAGE OF X AND  
22   FIVE YEARS LATER IT WOULD STILL BE AT X. REAL PURCHASING  
23   POWER, WHICH WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN X. SO I REALLY  
24   AM TROUBLED BY WHAT I HEAR. I HOPE I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING IT  
25   CORRECTLY. BUT IF YOU ARE CORRECT, THEN WE HAVE AN ISSUE THAT



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1 WE HAVE TO ADDRESS COMPREHENSIVELY WITH ALL OF OUR  
2 CONTRACTORS. I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE US A REPORT ON ALL THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE  
5 HEARD IT FROM EXISTING CONTRACTORS. I AGREE, I DON'T THINK  
6 ANYONE'S NOT HAD A COST OF LIVING. ANYWAY, YOU WILL GET BACK  
7 TO US?

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUZANNE? [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUZANNE CUMMINGS:** MY NAME IS SUZANNE CUMMINGS, I'M A  
16 COMMISSIONER ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN  
17 RELATIONS. AND MY TESTIMONY IS ON BEHALF OF THE REORGANIZATION  
18 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. THANK  
19 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY AND REPRESENT  
20 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, ONE OF THE  
21 NATION'S PREMIER HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES, PROUDLY SERVING THE  
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 60 YEARS. THE COMMISSION HAS  
23 SERVED AS A LEADER IN TRYING TO FOSTER POSITIVE RELATIONS IN A  
24 DYNAMIC QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ANGELINOS. FROM OUR YEARLY  
25 JOHN HANSON FORD AWARD, RECOGNIZING THE VERY BEST IN OUR



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1 CITIZENS, TO OUR SIGNATURE HATE CRIMES REPORT, FROM OUR NEW  
2 EFFORTS IN RACIALIZED GANG VIOLENCE TO OUR EXCITING NEW  
3 PROGRAM FROM IN THE SCHOOLS CALLED ZERO HOUR NO HATERS HERE,  
4 WHICH INCLUDES OUR NOTEWORTHY--

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUZANNE, COULD I JUST INTERRUPT YOU FOR  
7 A SECOND? AS YOU LEAVE, IF YOU COULD JUST LEAVE QUIETLY SO WE  
8 COULD FINISH TESTIMONY. SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS, SUPERVISOR  
9 MOLINA, IF YOU NOTICE, A COUPLE OF ABSENCES, SUPERVISOR  
10 MOLINA'S HOME ILL. THAT'S WHY SHE'S NOT HERE. AND SUPERVISOR  
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD A PREVIOUS PERSONAL COMMITMENT THAT HE HAD  
12 TO BE AT THAT WAS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO BUDGET HEARINGS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ANYWAY, THAT'S WHY THEY'RE NOT HERE.  
17 I DID NOT WANT ANYBODY TO THINK THAT THEY DID JUST NOT SHOW  
18 UP. ANYWAY, LEAVE QUIETLY TO FINISH THE TESTIMONY. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUZANNE CUMMINGS:** THANK YOU. AND GOOD LUCK TO THE COLLEGE  
21 GRADUATES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOREHOUSE

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1   **SUZANNE CUMMINGS:** TO OUR EXCITING NEW PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOLS  
2   CALLED ZERO HOUR NO HATERS HERE WHICH INCLUDES OUR NOTEWORTHY  
3   PROJECT ONE MUSIC COMPETITION. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH THE  
4   LIVES OF MILLIONS OF ANGELINOS OVER THESE MANY DECADES. THESE  
5   ARE STRESSFUL TIMES FOR OUR COUNTY, ITS GOVERNMENT AND THE  
6   IMPORTANT SERVICES IT PROVIDES TO OUR GROWING POPULATION.  
7   BUDGETS ARE TIGHT, AND YET THE NEEDS OF ANGELINOS ARE GREAT.  
8   IN THESE COMPLEX ECONOMIC TIMES, THE SERVICES OF OUR  
9   COMMISSION ARE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. WE RECOGNIZE THAT CUTS  
10   AND DOWN SIZING ARE BEING MADE THROUGHOUT SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT  
11   AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ALIKE, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO CORNER  
12   IS IMMUNE FROM THESE REDUCTIONS. THE NEW COUNTY BUDGET  
13   RECOMMENDS THAT SOME ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION IS BEING  
14   ASKED OF OUR COMMISSION. THIS WOULD NOT OF COURSE BE OUR FIRST  
15   CHOICE, AS WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ANY CHANGES COULD RESULT IN A  
16   DIMINUTION OF OUR ABILITY TO CONDUCT OUR IMPORTANT HUMAN  
17   RELATIONS WORK. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE AWARE OF SERIOUS  
18   CONCERNS AMONG OUR SISTER CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS  
19   THAT ARE CONCERNED THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SAME  
20   LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER THESE MANY  
21   DECADES. HOWEVER, AFTER SERIOUS SOUL SEARCHING AND WITH AN EYE  
22   TOWARDS COOPERATION IN THESE TOUGH TIMES, THE COMMISSION HAS  
23   AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF THE INITIAL  
24   RECOMMENDATION. IT READS, "WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN  
25   RELATIONS COMMISSION, UNDERSTAND THAT THE CURRENT FISCAL



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1 CRISIS IN WHICH THE COUNTY FINDS ITSELF WILL NECESSITATE  
2 BUDGET CUTS AND SOME CONSOLIDATION AND CENTRALIZATION OF THE  
3 COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. WITH THIS IN MIND, THE COMMISSION IS  
4 PREPARED TO DO ITS PART AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO UNDERTAKE  
5 A CONSTRUCTIVE REORGANIZATION OF H.R.C. ADMINISTRATIVE  
6 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS BOTH SENSITIVE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS  
7 BUT ONE THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE IMPORTANT WORK, MISSION,  
8 PURPOSE AND PROGRAMS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
9 CONTINUE AT THE SAME PRODUCTIVE LEVEL AND WITH THE SAME  
10 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT IT HAS ENJOYED OVER  
11 DECADES OF IMPORTANT SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE  
12 ARE GRATEFUL THAT THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO CONTINUE TO  
13 RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND COUNT ON  
14 THE COUNTY TO HONOR THEIR STATED COMMITMENT TO OUR IMPORTANT  
15 WORK." WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING IN WRITING TO THE SUPERVISORS AND  
16 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER A LETTER, A TYPE OF MEMO OF  
17 UNDERSTANDING, THAT OUTLINES MORE OF THE DETAILS OF HOW THE  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION WILL PRACTICALLY WORK,  
19 PROGRAMMATICALLY AND STRUCTURALLY. ASSURING THAT WE CAN  
20 ADEQUATELY SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES, MAKING THE  
21 DIVERSITY OF THIS WORLD CLASS COUNTY THE ASSET WE KNOW IT CAN  
22 AND SHOULD BE NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUZANNE. I HAVE A  
25 MOTION THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS ASKED ME TO READ. AND





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1 BEING THE OBEDIENT CHAIRMAN THAT I AM, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
2 RECEIVE AND FILE AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT VARIOUS  
3 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS, COMMENTS MADE DURING THE PUBLIC  
4 BUDGET HEARINGS COMMENCING MAY 13TH, 2009, AND MAKE A FINDING  
5 THAT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS WAS GIVEN IN  
6 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29080 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, THAT  
7 SAID HEARINGS COMMENCED ON THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 2009 PURSUANT  
8 TO SAID NOTICE, AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE  
9 GOVERNMENT CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
10 BUDGET HEARINGS FOR PURPOSES OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING THAT  
11 THERE ARE NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY  
12 TO BE HEARD, BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT  
13 ADDITIONAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND REQUESTS TO BE FILED THROUGH  
14 THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MAY 22ND, 2009. AND I BELIEVE  
15 THAT WOULD BE FILED WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, IS THAT  
16 CORRECT? IN ADDITION, THE BOARD RECONFIRMS THAT BUDGET  
17 DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2009, AT 9:30  
18 A.M. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
19 OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE CLOSED. THANK  
20 YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND TESTIFY.

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